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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Director-Management, NFAC

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SUBJECT : Proposed Foreign Travel to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] May 1978

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1. Name of Travelers

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[REDACTED], GS-13, Imagery Analyst, China Systems Branch, Missile Systems Division, OIA

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[REDACTED], GS-12, Imagery Analyst, Soviet Production and Testing Branch, Missile Systems Division, OIA

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[REDACTED], GS-10, Imagery Analyst, Soviet Deployed Systems Branch, Missile Systems Division, OIA

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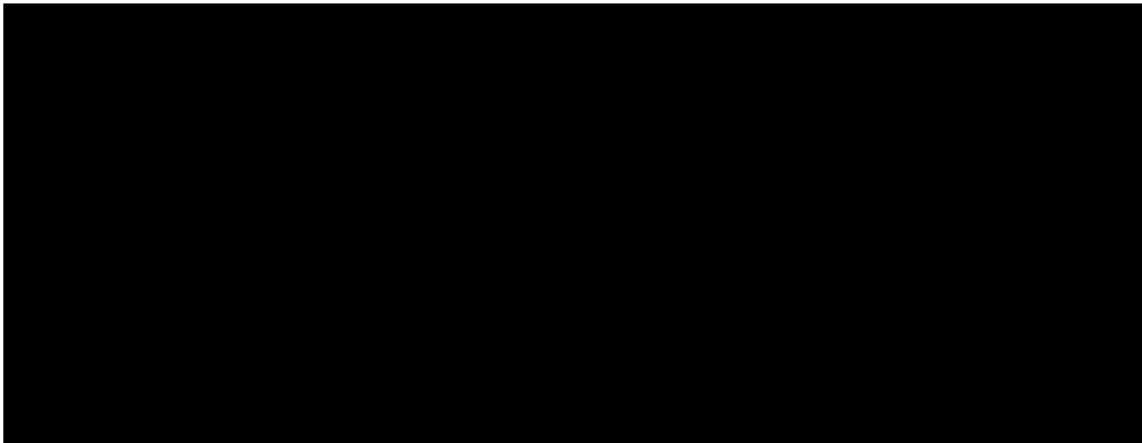
2. Purpose of Travel

The intelligence analysts named above all have major responsibilities involving the assessment of foreign mobile missile systems. Their objective is to gain first-hand experience with the operational concepts and procedures of deployed US mobile missile systems.

It is believed that on-site observation and discussions of the operational activities and a review of the garrison facilities should enhance their understanding of these systems. This knowledge will prepare them to make better assessments of foreign mobile missile systems. The unit integrity of these deployed battalions and their ongoing activities should provide many correlations not otherwise available.

Some of the major topics of discussion at the two missile battalions will include: garrison operations -- readiness and reaction levels, logistics, communications, security and a tour of the facilities; road march -- route selection, seasonal problems, convoy characteristics and security; deployment -- site selection process, terrain constraints, command and control, logistics and camouflage and concealment.

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4. Clearances

Theater and special clearances will be forwarded through appropriate channels.

5. Itinerary

The trip will take approximately two weeks departing Washington on or about 30 April 1978.

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